

**Georgia Coastal Research Council Marsh Dieback Workshop
February, 2004 Savannah, GA
Draft Schedule**

Tuesday, February 3

INTRODUCTION

- 8:30 8:45 **Welcome** - Meryll Alber (Georgia Coastal Research Council), Susan Shipman (Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division)
- 8:45 9:15 **Georgia marsh dieback overview** - Jan MacKinnon (Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division)
- 9:15 9:45 **Louisiana marsh dieback overview** - Karen McKee (U.S. Geological Survey, National Wetlands Research Center)
- 9:45 10:00 [Coffee Break]

ASSESSING INITIAL IMPACT

- 10:00 11:00 **Remote Sensing** - Lawrence Handley (U.S. Geological Survey, National Wetlands Research Center), Shea Penland (Univ. of New Orleans), Karen Payne (Univ. of Georgia Marine Extension Service)

CAUSATION

- 11:00 12:00 **Weather, Hydrology, Elevation** - Erick Swenson (Louisiana State Univ.), Christopher Swarzenski (U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division), David Stooksbury (Georgia State Climatologist, Univ. of Georgia)
- 12:00 1:15 [Lunch]
- 1:15 2:30 **Soil effects, Plant/soil interactions** - Irving Mendelssohn (Louisiana State Univ.), Robert Gambrell (Louisiana State Univ.), Meryll Alber (Univ. of Georgia), James Morris (Univ. of South Carolina)
- 2:30 3:15 **Fungal Pathogens** - Raymond Schneider (Louisiana State Univ.), David Porter (Univ. of Georgia)
- 3:15 4:00 **Herbivores** - Brian Silliman (Brown Univ.), Chandra Franklin (Savannah State Univ.)

WORKING GROUPS

- 4:00 5:30 **Discussion and synthesis**
- a. Remote sensing
 - b. Fungal pathogens, herbivory
 - c. Hydrology, soils, and plants

Wednesday, February 4

RESTORATION

8:20 9:20 ***Restoration and Recovery*** - Michael Materne (U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service), Thomas Michot (U.S. Geological Survey, National Wetlands Research Center), Carla Curran (Savannah State Univ.)

MODELING

9:20 9:40 ***Modeling*** - Robert Twilley (Univ. of Louisiana)

PARTNERSHIPS

9:40 10:15 ***Partnerships*** - Greg Grandy (Louisiana Dept. of Natural Resources), Dorset Hurley (Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve)

GROUP PRESENTATIONS

10:15 11:00 Groups finish presentations

11:00 12:00 **Final Presentations**

12:00 12:30 **Wrap-up**

12:30 2:00 [Lunch]

3:00 5:00 Outreach session